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1. WE FORWARD BELOW BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON JUMBE PREPARED BY CONSULATE ZANZIBAR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON STATUS OF REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE OR OTHER SENIOR USG OFFICIAL.

2. ABOUD JUMBE IS VICE PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA AND ALSO PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR AND CHAIRMAN OF ZANZIBAR'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. TANGANYIKA AND ZANZIBAR JOINED IN 1964 TO FORM THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA. WITHIN ITS CONFEDERATION WITH THE MAINLAND, ZANZIBAR MAINTAINS AN EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY, WHICH INCLUDES CONTROL OVER ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES, AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN. JUMBE IS WIDELY REGARDED AS THE OBVIOUS SUCCESSOR TO JULIUS NYERERE IN 1980 SHOULD BE THE LATTER FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS ANNOUNCED INTENTION NOT TO STAND FOR REELECTION IN THAT YEAR. JUMBE IS DEVELOPING AS A NATIONAL POLITICAL FIGURE AND HAS STOOD IN FOR NYERERE AT SUMMIT MEETINGS ABROAD. JUMBE HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN MAINLAND TANZANIAN AFFAIRS.

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3. UNLIKE NYERERE, JUMBE IS NOT AN INNOVATIVE POLITICAL THINKER. HE FITS THE MOLD OF MANY AFRICAN LEADERS WITH A ONE-PARTY "SOCIALIST", ""NON-ALIGNED", AND GENERALLY ANTI-WESTERN OUTLOOK. HE TENDS TO LUMP THE WESTERN POWERS TOGETHER, PROBABLY DUE TO LITTLE REAL EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THEM. JUMBE RUNS ZANZIBAR ALONG MORE CONSERVATIVE LINES THAN IS THE CASE ON MAINLAND TANZANIA. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IS MORE PREVALENT

AND ZANZIBAR HAS NOT TRIED TO MOVE ITS PEOPLE INTO COLLECTIVE UNITS. JUMBE GOVERNS PRAGMATICALLY, ALTHOUGH NOT EXPERTLY, MAKING DECISIONS ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HE THINKS WILL BE BEST, RATHER THAN ON BELIEF IN ANY PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OR IDEOLOGY.

4. JUMBE IS A DEVOUT MUSLIM WHO HAS MADE THE PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA. HE HOLDS SOME PRINCIPLES STRONGLY, ESPECIALLY MAJORITY RULE AND RACIAL EQUALITY, ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT OFTEN OUTSPOKEN ABOUT THEM. HE HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN NATURE, PARTICULARLY EAST AFRICAN AND MARINE. BIOLOGICAL FACTS AND ODDITIES FASCINATE HIM; HE CAN DISCOURSE AT LENGTH ON THOSE WITH WHICH HE IS FAMILIAR. HE IS A FREQUENT VISITOR TO TANZANIA'S GAME PARKS AND IS MUCH CONCERNED WITH THEIR PRESERVATION. HE IS AN AVID PHOTOGRAPHER AND SOME OF HIS GAME PARK FILMS HAVE BEEN SHOWN ON ZANZIBAR TELEVISION.

5. JUMBE IS AN EASY PERSON TO TALK WITH AND HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT. HE TAKES AN INFORMAL, RELAXED APPROACH TO DISCUSSIONS AND USES LIGHT HUMOR AND GENTLE DIGS AT THE SUBJECT BOTH TO MAKE HIS POINT AND TO KEEP THE CONVERSATION FLOWING EASILY. HE IS AN ARTICULATE AND WELL-SEASONED SPEAKER AND A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR HIS CASE. ALTHOUGH HIS STYLE IS INFORMAL, HE WOULD TAKE SERIOUSLY ANY DISCUSSION ON SUCH MATTERS AS SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE RANGE OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. HE IS KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT TANZANIAN POSITIONS IN THESE AREAS.
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6. JUMBE WAS BORN ON JUNE 14, 1920. HE LEFT UGANDA'S MAKERERE UNIVERSITY IN 1945 WITH A DIPLOMA IN TEACHING. IN 1960 HE LEFT HIS WORK AS A TEACHER TO DEVOTE HIS TIME ENTIRELY TO POLITICS. HE HELD SEVERAL MINISTERIAL POSITIONS IN ZANZIBAR'S GOVERNMENT AND BECAME ZANZIBAR'S LEADER IN 1972 AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF ABEID KARUME. JUMBE HAS THREE WIVES, THE YOUNGEST OF WHOM IS ACCOMPANYING HIM TO THE US, AND SEVERAL CHILDREN.
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